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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...even if you were a steward's mate, then when you come out, if you happen to get an injury or you get sick, then you can get homestead exemption. But if you did not serve in the killing trades, and you have the same disability, you cannot get it. You've got to have a permanent physical disability and be without mobility, you cannot get around without some kind of mechanical help or prosthesis. That doesn't make sense to me and it certainly does not equate to justice. This bill is very bad and it ought not to live.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bourne would move to bracket the bill until April 12, 2000.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bourne, you're recognized to open on your motion to bracket LB 1279.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I put this bracket motion on, on the bill, although I'm not opposed to the bill. I'm just opposed to that language that was in the Wickersham amendment which changed the...now let me find my papers here...which changed it from "or who" to "and". I really believe that this will again kick disabled people who have no money out of their houses. And if I spoke a little harshly before that this wasn't a laughing matter and I offended anyone, I do apologize. But I think it is very serious. I think that we have a chance to, you know, carry through with what we passed last year in LB 179, and let that go forward. And you know, we keep talking about the significant A bill that would be associated with my amendment. Well, my amendment simply took the language back to the way it was when we passed it last year. We've haven't seen any significant increase in the number of disabled poor people who are applying for tax relief. I have no problems with LB 1279. I really have no problems with the amendment, AM3361, other than that one word on line 10 of page 2. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bourne. On the motion to bracket LB 1279, Senator Wickersham.